

## **Ladies learn to fly-fish day!**

On Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> May as part of 'Fisheries Awareness Week' (for other events go to [www.faw.ie](http://www.faw.ie)) Inland Fisheries Ireland will again be holding an introductory ladies fly fishing day in aid of Action Breast Cancer at Rathcon farm fishery (near Grangecon). This is a free event open to any lady and run from 10.30 to 16.00.

The day will be led by the top Irish female fly-casting instructor Glenda Powell assisted by Mark Corps of Inland Fisheries Ireland, Swords.

The morning will consist of a theoretical session in which Glenda covers areas such as equipment, safety, flies and the principles of casting. After coffee this is followed by a practical fly casting session.

Following lunch the course participants get the opportunity to put their newly developed skills into use and catch some of the fisheries rainbow trout.

The aim of the day is to give ladies to opportunity to try fly fishing in a relaxed and supportive environment. These days are always fun and trout are always caught.

There is no fee for the course but participants are requested to make a donation to Action Breast Cancer. The first of these courses was instigated in 2007 since then ten or so courses have been held to date with over 150 ladies taking part and giving a total of nearly € 7,000 raised for Action Breast Cancer.

With the exception of wellies and waterproofs all equipment is provided free. If you have a base ball cap and sun glasses please bring those but we do have some if that creates a problem.

For further details or to book yourself a place on the day please contact Mark.H.V.Corps (Angling Advisor) on 087 672 7194 or [mark.corps@fisheriesireland.ie](mailto:mark.corps@fisheriesireland.ie) . Places are limited and given out on a first come first served basis.

Directions - From Dublin - Take the M9 exit (Carlow) off the M7 (limerick Cork road) and continue on the M9 till the Baltinglass, Ballitore exit. Take this exit and at the end of the slip road turn left towards Ballitore. After about 2 miles you come to a T junction. Turn left and follow on this road past the Texaco garage on your left. Take the 1st turn right after the garage signposted Colbinstown. Follow this road straight for about 5 miles to Grangecon.

In Grangecon village turn left at Moore's pub and go for about half a mile. Rathcon Farm is on your left on a bend in the road there is a cattle grid and sign on the tree by the entrance.

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**Notes to Editor**

**Inland Fisheries Ireland** is a statutory body operating under the aegis of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and was established under the Fisheries Act on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010. Its principal function is the protection and conservation of the inland fisheries resource. IFI will promote, support, facilitate and advise the Minister on, the conservation, protection, management, development and improvement of inland fisheries, including sea angling and develop and advise the Minister on policy and national strategies relating to inland fisheries and sea angling.